

IN THE SUPREME COURT OF THE STATE OF NEVADA

SUSAN REEVES,  
Appellant,  
vs.  
DIVISION OF INDUSTRIAL  
RELATIONS; AND NEVADA  
DEPARTMENT OF ADMINISTRATION,  
Respondents.

No. 62468

**FILED**

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TRACIE K. LINDEMAN  
CLERK OF SUPREME COURT  
BY R. Mulina  
DEPUTY CLERK

*ORDER REGARDNG PRO BONO COUNSEL*

This is a proper person appeal from a district court order dismissing a petition for judicial review in a workers' compensation matter. Having considered the record and the civil proper person appeal statement filed by appellant, this court has determined that the appointment of pro bono counsel to represent appellant would assist this court in reviewing this appeal. By this order, the court expresses no opinion as to the merits of this appeal.

Pro bono counsel is an attorney who provides legal services without charge for the benefit of the public good. The appointment of pro bono counsel provides attorneys with an opportunity to volunteer legal services in furtherance of their professional responsibility and, at the same time, allows financially eligible litigants access to quality legal representation without cost. Currently, the Appellate Litigation Section, Pro Bono Committee, State Bar of Nevada (Pro Bono Committee) is coordinating the selection of pro bono counsel for appeals identified by this court. Counsel will be appointed for purposes of this appeal only, and will participate in oral argument. Appellant may decline the appointment of

pro bono counsel by filing a written objection in this court within 11 days from the date of this order.

Before the appointment of pro bono counsel, a party must meet certain financial eligibility requirements. Although it does not appear that appellant was granted leave to proceed in forma pauperis, she may nevertheless qualify for pro bono counsel. Therefore, we direct the clerk of this court to transmit a copy of this order and the attached case summary to the Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada for financial eligibility screening. The Legal Aid Center shall have 30 days from the date of this order in which to file in this court a written determination of whether appellant meets the financial eligibility requirements. Within that same time period, the Legal Aid Center shall serve a copy of that written determination on the Pro Bono Committee, and file a certificate of service in this court.

If appellant meets the financial eligibility requirements, and does not object to the appointment, the Pro Bono Committee shall have 30 days after the written determination is served in which to select pro bono counsel for appellant, and cause counsel to enter an appearance in this court. Supplemental briefing and oral argument will be scheduled thereafter. If appellant is not financially eligible for pro bono counsel, oral argument will not be held, and this case will stand submitted for decision on the appeal statement and record currently before the court. See NRAP 34(f)(3).

It is so ORDERED.

                    Pickering                    , C.J.

cc: Susan Reeves  
Dept. of Business and Industry/Div. of Industrial  
Relations/Henderson  
Legal Aid Center of Southern Nevada, Barbara E. Buckley,  
Executive Director  
Anne Traum, Coordinator, Appellate Litigation Section,  
Pro Bono Committee, State Bar of Nevada

Docket No. 62468, Reeves v. Dep't of Indus. Relations

In this case, appellant requested the log of insurer-physician communications pursuant to NRS 616D.330, and appellant asserted that her workers' compensation benefits should not have been denied on the basis of these communications. The appeals officer dismissed the matter for lack of jurisdiction, finding that appellant had not requested a benefit penalty, *see* NRS 616D.140, NRS 616D.120, and the district court dismissed the petition for judicial review.